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Nasal delivery of pharmaceutical compositions in powder form

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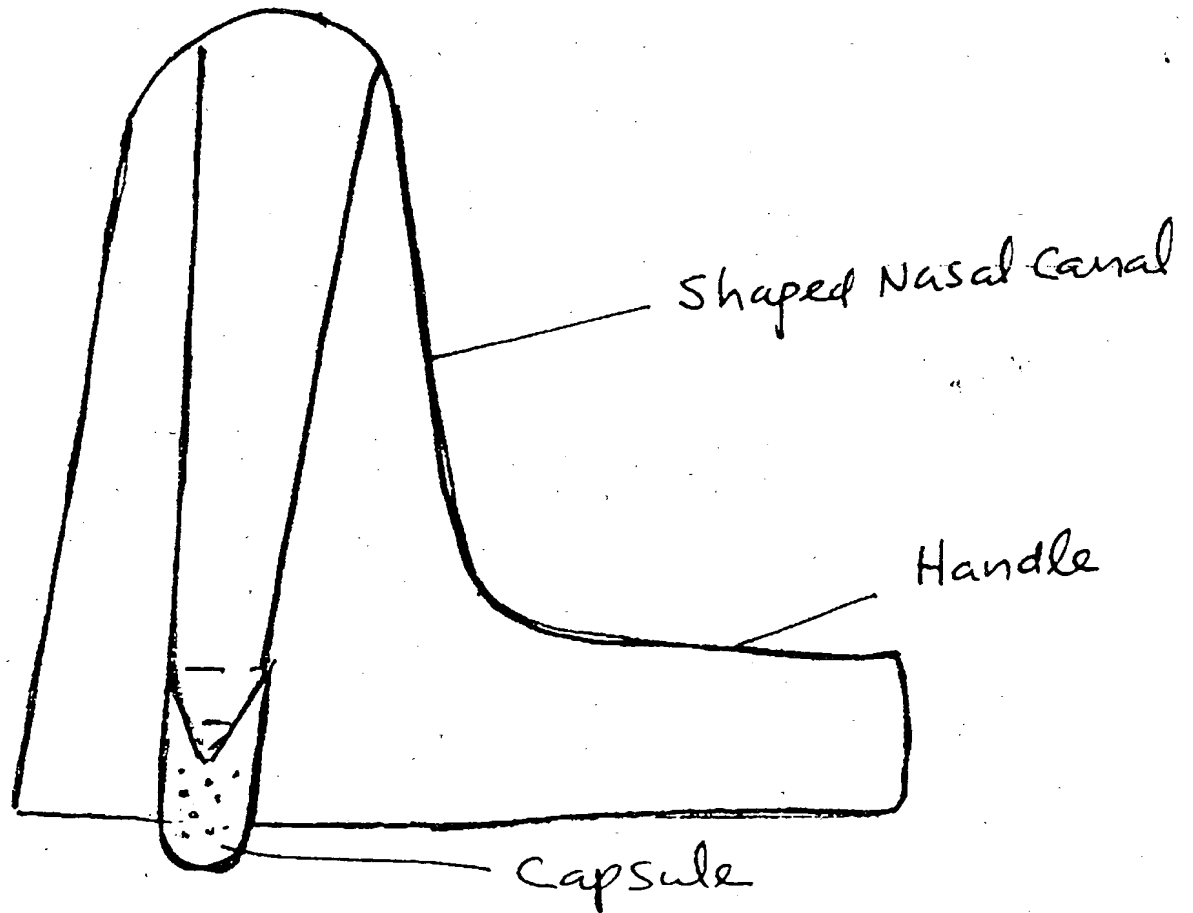


FIG 1.

Nasal Delivery of pharmaceutical compositions including vaccines and biotechnological products.

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The introduction of the medicament in powder form in the nose by relative ease is attractive method in terms of patient compliance the other aspect of the invention relates to the Nasal delivery of pharmaceutical compositions of neurologic agents by means of olfactory neural pathways. These agents included naturally occurring nerve growth promoting factors including phosphotidyl serine, insulin and insulin like growth factors.

Background to the Invention:

There are three main reasons for delivery of medicaments via the nose;

- a) Convenience
- b) Topical effect on the epithelium lining
- c) Systemic effect- superficial vessels can facilitate rapid absorption directly into the blood stream.

The nasal cavity area for drug absorption measuring approx 160cm² and the turbulent airflow through the nose encourages inertial impaction of suspended particles into blanket of mucous covering highly vascularised nasal mucosa. The rapid passage of drugs across the nasal epithelium and into blood stream is the major advantage of nasal route of delivery, making the nose an ideal alternative to injectable route for some acute treatments as well as maintenance therapies currently delivered by injection. The delivery of medicaments and vaccines or peptides by Nasal route is promising as these areas have less enzymatic activity which might destroy polypeptides. The problems have been encountered in the past for nasal delivery of macromolecules as only small portion of the drug could be absorbed. The other barrier of nasal bioavailability included mucociliary clearance of the drug to the back of throat. The administration of peptides with aqueous nasal sprays has also proved problematic to include low bioavailability, local irritation of nasal mucosa.

The invention relates to the medicaments in a carrier system in powder form (in preservative free form to avoid irritation) manufactured using spray method of the active medicament on a carrier dextrin powder or locust bean powder, or Soya powder or milk powder which is inhaled by a device and active medicament comes in direct contact with mucosa and contributes to higher absorption. These biotechnological products are more stable in dry solid state. It has been demonstrated by Scientists that a powder formulation remains longer on the nasal mucosa than a liquid formulation and particle size in nasal formulation is less critical. The dry powder bi-dose system consists of two profiled blisters that ensure optimum protection against vapor transmission, oxygen and light. The aerodynamic feature combined with easy actuation mode facilitates accurate and constant dosing in terms of expelled amount and inhalation forces.

Delivers evenly over wider surface of nasal mucosa

CLAIMS;

1. The inventor claims the delivery of neurologic agents for treatments of disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Aids, Schizophrenia, affective disorders such as depression, mania, anxiety, addiction of substances such as opium etc, brain changes associated with age, pain due to head injuries, nerve damage from cardiovascular disorders such as stroke
2. The inventor claims of delivery of vaccines (in particular influenza, vaccines for infectious diseases and diabetes) and peptides (in particular insulin and calcitonin) and new class of biotechnological products.
3. The neurologic agent administered in powder form with the active sprayed or impregnated on carrier. The carrier examined included dextrin, locust bean powder, Soya powder or milk powder.
4. The inventor claims delivery of analgesics including Morphine and new class of peptides/biotechnology products in spray powder form.
5. The inventor claims pharmaceutical composition of Serotonin (in spray powder form) for nasal delivery for treatment of depression.
6. The inventor claims pharmaceutical composition of Phosphatidyl serine for nasal delivery for enhancement of memory in pharmaceutical composition in spray powder form.
7. The inventor claims the active medicament spray method on carrier's dextrin, lipophilic compounds, chitosan, locust bean powder, Fenugreek powder, Soya flour, spray dried milk etc.
8. The pharmaceutical compositions/or vaccines in powder form sprayed on dextrin, locust bean powder, milk powder or Soya powder etc. for Nasal delivery
9. The inventor claims Nasal Delivery Device comprised of Shaped Nasal Canal (SNC) with inner tube fitting into the capsule containing powder (as shown in Fig 1) in single dose. A new capsule pre-filled with powder dosage can be used for each dose.

The dry powder bi-dose system made of two profiled blisters ensure optimum protection against vapor transmission, oxygen and light. The aerodynamic feature combined with easy actuation mode facilitates accurate and constant dosing in terms of expelled amount and inhalation forces. The system delivers evenly over wider surface of nasal mucosa. The invention offers innovative delivery of pharmaceutical compositions by Nasal route.



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